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RESPONSEAssistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2001 (Paper Number 3).

Restriction to one of the following inventions was required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-8, 11-14, and 19 drawn to compounds.
- II. Claims 15-18 drawn to a method of using the compounds of Group I.

Applicants hereby withdraw claims 15-18 from prosecution without prejudice.

Because Group I is being elected, Applicants acknowledge that, in the event, claims therein are found allowable, the corresponding method-of-use claims will be rejoined for further examination.

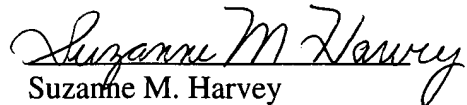
Applicants were also required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a disclosed single species for prosecution on the merits. Applicants hereby elect the compound [S-(R*, R*)]-2-(3-Benzyl-3-methyl-ureido)-N-[2-(4-benzyloxy-phenyl)-1-(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propyl-carbamoyl)-ethyl]-3-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)-N-methyl-propionamide, for prosecution.

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This application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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